A Report of the
Economic Impact of
Deloitte Houston
in Houston, Texas

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The Project

Deloitte & Touche USA LLP and its subsidiaries will lease approximately 300,000 square feet of office space in the Heritage Building, 1111 Bagby Place in Houston, Texas. The company plans to move 1,381 people from Three Allen Center and Williams Tower to the Heritage Building and expects to add an additional 500 employees over the next five years with the support of Texas Enterprise Zone designation.

Approximately sixty percent of the job growth is expected to be at the staff level with an average starting salary of \$62,000. Total project expenditures are expected to be \$61.4 million and employee training costs are expected to be \$24.3 million.

Economic Impact over the First Ten Years

The facility will have an economic impact on the Houston area economy. Some of the economic impacts, over the first ten years, are shown below:

Some of the Economic Impacts of the Facility on the Houston Area Over the First Ten Years		
Total number of direct and indirect jobs retained and created	3,203	
Salaries to be paid to direct and indirect workers	\$5,116,572,163	
Taxable sales expected in the area	\$1,324,695,564	
The value, in Year 10, of new residential property to be built for direct and indirect workers who move to the City	\$13,002,607	
Taxable assets at the facility in the first year	\$55,400,000	

Costs and Benefits for the City of Houston Over the First Ten Years

Over the first ten years, the City of Houston can expect the following net benefits from the facility, its employees and workers in spin-off jobs retained and created in the community:

Costs and Benefits for the City of Houston Over the First Ten Years				
	Benefits	Costs	Net Benefit	
Sales taxes	\$13,246,956		\$13,246,956	
Property taxes	\$3,470,475		\$3,470,475	
Utilities	\$4,477,047		\$4,477,047	
Utility franchise fees	\$1,657,984		\$1,657,984	
Hotel occupancy taxes	\$1,097,403		\$1,097,403	
Other taxes and user fees	\$129,992		\$129,992	
Costs of services to new residents		\$909,943	(\$909,943)	
Costs of providing monthly utility services		\$4,253,194	(\$4,253,194)	
Total	\$24,079,856	\$5,163,137	\$18,916,719	

Net Benefits for the All Local Taxing Districts Over the First Ten Years

Over the first ten years, the local taxing districts in which the facility will be located can expect the following net benefits from the facility, its employees and workers in spin-off jobs retained and created in the community:

Net Benefits for Local Taxing Districts Over the First Ten Years of Operations		
City of Houston	\$18,916,719	
Harris County	\$2,478,636	
Houston ISD	\$5,022,347	
Harris County Flood Control District	\$174,385	
Port of Houston Authority	\$70,055	
Harris County Hospital District	\$1,033,933	
Harris County Department of Education	\$33,844	
Houston Community College System	\$512,124	
Houston Downtown Management District	\$726,379	
Houston MTA	\$13,246,956	
Houston Sports Authority	\$313,544	
Total	\$42,528,919	

A Report of the Projected Economic Impact of Deloitte Houston

Introduction

This report presents the results of an economic impact analysis performed by Impact DataSource, Austin, Texas. The analysis was to determine the impact that Deloitte Houston's facility and operations will have on the economy of the Houston area and costs and benefits for the City of Houston and other local taxing districts over the first ten years of its operations.

Description of the Proposed Facility and its Operations

Deloitte & Touche USA LLP and its subsidiaries will lease approximately 300,000 square feet of office space in the Heritage Building, 1111 Bagby Place in Houston, Texas. The company plans to move 1,381 people from Three Allen Center and Williams Tower to the Heritage Building and expects to add an additional 500 employees over the next five years with the support of Texas Enterprise Zone designation.

Approximately sixty percent of the job growth is expected to be at the staff level with an average starting salary of \$62,000. Total project expenditures are expected to be \$61.4 million and employee training costs are expected to be \$24.3 million.

How the facility and its workers will impact the Houston area economy is discussed next.

Economic Impact of the Facility and Its Employees

The facility, its employees and workers in spin-off jobs retained and created in the community will have the following economic impact on the Houston area over the first ten years of the facility's operation:

The Economic Impact of the Facility on the Houston Area Over the First Ten Years		
Total number of direct and indirect jobs retained and created	3,203	
Number of people who will move to the city	936	
Number of new residential properties to be built in the city	68	
Number of new students expected in Houston ISD	267	
Salaries to be paid to direct and indirect workers	\$5,116,572,163	
Taxable sales expected in the area	\$1,324,695,564	
The value, in Year 10, of new residential property to be built for direct and indirect workers who move to the City	\$13,002,607	
Taxable assets at the facility in the first year	\$55,400,000	

How this economic impact translates into additional costs and benefits for local taxing districts, is scheduled next.

Costs and Benefits for Local Taxing Districts Over the Next 10 Years

Local taxing districts can expect to receive the following revenues over the first 10 years from the facility, its employees and workers in indirect jobs retained and created in the community.

Additional Revenues For Local Taxing Districts Over the First Ten Years of the Facility's Operation				
Ten rears				Utility
	Sales Taxes	Property Taxes	Utilities	Franchise Fees
City of Houston	\$13,246,956	\$3,470,475	\$4,477,047	\$1,657,984
Harris County	\$0	\$2,165,092		
Houston ISD		\$7,940,124		
Harris County Flood Control District		\$174,385		
Port of Houston Authority		\$70,055		
Harris County Hospital District		\$1,033,933		
Harris County Department of Education		\$33,844		
Houston Community College System		\$512,124		
Houston Downtown Management District		\$726,379		
Houston MTA	\$13,246,956			
Houston Sports Authority				*
Total	\$26,493,911	\$16,126,410	\$4,477,047	\$1,657,984
			Additional	
			State and	
	Hotel	Other Taxes	Federal	Total
	Occupancy	and User	School	Additional
	Taxes	Fees	Funding	Revenues
City of Houston	\$1,097,403	\$129,992		\$24,079,856
Harris County	\$313,544			\$2,478,636
Houston ISD			\$9,571,519	\$17,511,643
Harris County Flood Control District				\$174,385
Port of Houston Authority				\$70,055
Harris County Hospital District				\$1,033,933
Harris County Department of Education				\$33,844
Houston Community College System				\$512,124
Houston Downtown Management District				\$726,379
Houston MTA	952555 E8035			\$13,246,956
Houston Sports Authority	\$313,544			\$313,544
Total	\$1,724,491	\$129,992	\$9,571,519	\$60,181,354

Local taxing districts will incur the following costs over the first 10 years, as a result of the facility and direct and indirect employees.

Costs for Local Taxing Districts Over the First 10 Years of the Facility's Operation					
	Costs of Services to New	Costs of Providing Monthly Utility	Costs of Educating New	to Local	
	Residents	Services	Students	Tax Rolls	Tota
City of Houston Harris County Houston ISD Harris County Flood Control District Port of Houston Authority Harris County Hospital District Harris County Department of Education Houston Community College System Houston Downtown Management Dist. Houston MTA Houston Sports Authority	\$909,943	\$4,253,194	\$5,537,395	\$6,951,902	\$5,163,137 \$0 \$12,489,297 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0
Total	\$909,943	\$4,253,194	\$5,537,395	\$6,951,902	\$17,652,434

The additional public benefits less additional public costs will result in the following net benefits for the City and other local taxing districts over the first ten years of the facility's operation:

	Benefits Co		Net Benefits
City of Houston	\$24,079,856	\$5,163,137	\$18,916,719
Harris County	\$2,478,636	\$0	\$2,478,636
Houston ISD	\$17,511,643	\$12,489,297	\$5,022,347
Harris County Flood Control District	\$174,385	\$0	\$174,385
Port of Houston Authority	\$70,055	\$0	\$70,055
Harris County Hospital District	\$1,033,933	\$0	\$1,033,933
Harris County Department of Education	\$33,844	\$0	\$33,844
Houston Community College System	\$512,124	\$0	\$512,124
Houston Downtown Management Dist.	\$726,379	\$0	\$726,379
Houston MTA	\$13,246,956	\$0	\$13,246,956
Houston Sports Authority	\$313,544	\$0	\$313,544
Total	\$60,181,354	\$17,652,434	\$42,528,919

The discounted cash flow over the first ten years of the facility's operations for each taxing district is as follows:

Discounted Cash Flow Over the First Ten Years of Operations		
City of Houston	\$13,598,919	
Harris County	\$1,837,695	
Houston ISD	\$3,731,340	
Harris County Flood Control District	\$130,497	
Port of Houston Authority	\$52,424	
Harris County Hospital District	\$773,719	
Harris County Department of Education	\$25,326	
Houston Community College System	\$383,236	
Houston Downtown Management District	\$543,568	
Houston MTA	\$9,415,520	
Houston Sports Authority	\$217,499	
Total	\$30,709,744	

The above discounted cash flow or present value of net benefits is a way of expressing in today's dollars, dollars to be paid or received in the future. Today's dollar and a dollar to be received or paid at differing times in the future are not comparable because of the time value of money. The time value of money is the interest rate or each taxing entity's discount rate. This analysis uses a discount rate of 6% to make the dollars comparable -- by expressing them in today's dollars or in present value.

State Aid for the School District

According to the Texas Education Agency, the state school funding formula is such that any property added to local tax rolls reduces funding from the state – dollar for dollar. However, it takes a year for this to affect. Therefore, the analysis shows that the school district keeps or benefits from the first year's property taxes but state funding in subsequent years is reduced by the amount of local property taxes collected. However, according to the Texas Education Agency, the school district will receive state aid for each new child that moves to the District. The additional revenue for the school district is calculated in this analysis.

Conduct of the Analysis

This analysis was conducted by Impact DataSource using data, rates and information supplied by the firm and the Houston Area Economic Development Council. In addition, Impact DataSource used certain estimates and assumptions.

Using this data, the economic impact from the facility and the costs and benefits for the City of Houston and other local taxing districts were calculated for a ten-year period.

In addition to the direct economic impact of the facility and its employees, spin-off or indirect and induced benefits were also calculated. Indirect jobs and salaries are created in new or existing local firms, such as fleet maintenance firms, that may supply goods and services to the facility. In addition, induced jobs and salaries are created in new or existing local businesses, such as retail stores, gas stations, banks, restaurants, and service companies that may supply goods and services to workers and their families.

To estimate the indirect and induced economic impact of the facility and its employees on the Houston area, regional economic multipliers were used. Regional economic multipliers for Texas and areas of the state are included in the US Department of Commerce's Regional Input-Output Modeling System (RIMS II).

Two types of regional economic multipliers were used in this analysis: an employment multiplier and an earnings multiplier.

An employment multiplier was used to estimate the number of indirect and induced jobs created and supported in the Houston area. An earnings multiplier was used to estimate the amount of salaries to be paid to workers in these new indirect and induced jobs. The multipliers show the estimated number of indirect and induced jobs created for every one direct job at the facility and the amount of salaries paid to these workers for every dollar paid to a direct worker at the facility. The multipliers used in this analysis are below:

Employment multiplier Earnings multiplier 0.7029 \$0.7496

About Impact DataSource

Impact DataSource is a fourteen-year-old Austin economic consulting, research and analysis firm. The firm has conducted economic impact analyses of numerous projects in Texas and fourteen other states. In addition, the firm has developed economic impact analysis computer programs for several clients, including the New Mexico Economic Development Department

The firm's principal, Jerry Walker, performed this economic impact analysis. He is an economist and has Bachelor of Science and Master of Business Administration degrees in accounting and economics from Nicholls State University, Thibodaux, Louisiana.

Data used in the analysis, along with schedules of the results of calculations, are on the following pages.